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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, UN, PL

SUBJECT: POLISH PARTICIPATION IN UNEF

REFS: A. STATE 220695; B. WARSAW 5781

1. I CALLED ON SPASOWSKI EARLY AFTERNOON NOVEMBER 10
AND MADE PRESENTATION TO HIM AS PER REF B. DIRECTOR
KINAST OF DEPARTMENT III TOOK NOTES.

2. IN RESPONSE, SPASLOWSKI SAID THAT POLAND WISHED TO
CONTRIBUTE OBJECTIVELY TO REACHING A SETTLEMENT IN
THE MIDDLE EAST. THE POLITBURO AND GOVERNMENT STATE-
MENT, PUBLISHED NOVEMBER 4, SHOULD BE TAKEN AT FACE
VALUE WHEN IT SAYS THAT POLAND WISHES TO MAKE A
CONTRIBUTION -- SPASOWSKI INTERPOLATED, " A POSITIVE
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CONTRIBUTION" -- TO THE POLITICAL SETTLEMENT OF THE

CONFLICT IN THE MIDDLE EAST. IT WAS DIFFICULT FOR HIM TO SEE HOW POLISH INVOLVEMENT IN UNEF MIGHT COMPLICATE US-POLISH RELATIONS.

3. I SAID I AGREED WITH HIM IN NOT FORESEEING AT THIS POINT THE SPECIFIC POSSIBILITY OF COMPLICATONS FOR US-POLISH RELATIONS. HOWEVER, MANY CONTRADICTORY INTERESTS AND STRESSES WERE INVOLVED IN THE CONFLICT AND WE HAD AHEAD OF US A PRESUMABLE PROTRACTED PERIOD OF NEGOTIATIONS LOOKING TOWARDS A SETTLEMENT. IT HAD SEEMED TO US DESIRABLE AT THE BEGINNING OF THIS PERIOD TO POINT TO THE UNDESIRABLITY OF COMPLICATIONS AND, IN VIEW OF THE REPEATED STATEMENTS MADE TO ME BY PREMIER JAROSZEWCZ, FOREIGN MINISTER OLSZOWSKI, AND HIMSELF ABOUT POLAND'S READINESS TO RETIRE FROM PEACEKEEPING EFFORTS, TO STRESS OUR CONTINUING STRONG INTEREST IN EFFECTIVE POLISH ACTION IN THE ECCS. I ADDED THAT I HOPED WE COULD CONSULT WITH REGARD TO THE POLISH EFFORT IN UNEF, AS WE HAD WITH REGARD TO THE ICCS, IF POINTS SHOULD ARISE WHICH EITHER OF US FELT MIGHT BECOME THE SOURCE OF COMPLICATIONS IN OUR BILATERAL REALTIONS.

4. SPASOWSKI SAID HE UNDERSTOOD. HE SAID HE FULLY REALIZED THE STRENGTH OF OUR INTEREST IN CONTINUED POLISH PARTICIPATION IN THE ICCS. HE AGEEED THAT WE MIGHT CONSULT IF WE SAW PROBLEMS ARISING INREGARD TO UNEF WHICH MIGHT COMPLICATE OUR RELATIONS, BUT HE REPEATED THAT HE REALLY DID NOT FORESEE SUCH PROBLEMS AS ARESLUT OF POLISH PARTICIPATION THERE.

5. IN ANSWER TO MY QUESTION ABOUT THE POSSIBLE DATE OF DEPARTURE OF THE POLISH CONTINGENT FOR EGYPT, SPASOWSKI SAID HE HAD NO INFORMATION. THIS MATTER WAS BEING HANDLED BY VICE MINISTER CZAPLA. LATER IN THE DAY, HOWEVER, AT THE MILITARY ATTACHE'S LUNCHEONFOR GENERAL WILSO(DIA), COLONEL KAZMIERSKI (CHIEF, FOREIGN LIAISON OFFICE, MOD) SAID HE EXPECTED THE BULK OF THE CONTINGENT TO LEAVE THIS WEEK.

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6. COMMENT: THE EXCHANGE WITH SPASLOWSKI WAS AMICABLE AND LOW-KEY THROUGHOUT.
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